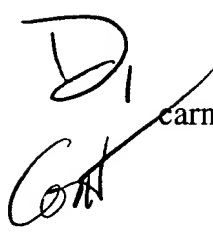


24. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the alkanoyl L-carnitine is propionyl L-carnitine.

25. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the alkanoyl L-carnitine is butyryl L-carnitine.

 26. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the alkanoyl L-carnitine is valeryl L-carnitine.

27. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the alkanoyl L-carnitine is isovaleryl L-carnitine.

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